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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

Applicant has filed a Request for Continuing Examination. Applicant submits concurrently herewith an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2006. Please amend the claims as follows:

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

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